

YOUNG PUTNEY HELD FOR MONEY

Mr. Langhorne Putney
Telegraphs That Young
Man Is Safe.

HIS CAPTORS WRITE DEMANDING RANSOM

Parents and Friends of Young
Man Greatly Relieved That
He Is Not Hurt—Negotiations
Already Opened
Looking to Prompt
Release.

Greatest interest will be felt in the
news given out last night at the residence
of Mr. Stephen Putney that young
Stephen Putney is being held for ransom;
that he is well, and that he is in no
danger of injury.

This intelligence, which sent a thrill of
measureless joy to the hearts of the
stricken parents and their hosts of
friends, came by wire direct from Mr.
Langhorne Putney, who is in St. Louis
personally directing efforts of the police
authorities to find the young man.

Mr. Putney's message to his parents
was, of course, brief, but it had the
right ring to it, convincing them he was
himself assured that his brother was
safe and sound, and would soon be re-
stored to his parents. Mr. Putney stated
as concisely as he could that his brother
was held for ransom; that a letter had
been received from the men holding his
brother, in which ransom was demanded.
He urged upon his parents his own fixed
opinion that as money was the sole ob-
ject the men have in holding Mr. Putney,
he will not be harmed, and it is just a
matter of arranging the terms before the
young man will be free.

Anonymous Letter.

The letter was anonymous, but gave
ample evidence as to its genuineness, and
full directions for the transmission of a
reply. Mr. Langhorne Putney at once
put himself in communication with the
writers of the letter, and in his message
to his parents said that negotiations were
being conducted.
It is understood here that a reward of
\$5,000 is being offered for information
which will lead to finding the young
man, and this almost princely sum has
fired the St. Louis police and secret ser-
vice men into degree of exertion such
as they have not experienced in a long
time. They are now turning their atten-
tion to the captives of the young man,
but it is likely that one of the terms of
release will be that the police shall not
attempt to doct them before the delivery
of the youth in exchange for the money.
News of a definite character concerning
the young man was most welcome in this
city, where his family is so well known
and prominent in movements for the up-
building of the city.

DUKE OF NEWCASTLE IS VISITING RICHMOND

The Duke of Newcastle, who was en-
tertained by society at Newport last
summer, and who afterwards spent some
weeks of the early fall at Hot Springs,
Va., arrived in Richmond last night
from New York, and is stopping at the
Westmoreland Club.
The Duke made the acquaintance of
several Richmond families who were at
Hot Springs during the time of his
visit. Among the number of these were
Mrs. Fred Scott Sr., Miss Frances
Scott, and Mr. George Cole Scott.
Several pleasant entertainments have
already been planned to add to the en-
joyment of his Richmond visit.

SIDNEY DILLON SOLD TO HOLT FOR \$9,000

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, November 23.—Sidney
Dillon, the famous sire of the Old Glory
sloop, was sold today at the Old Glory
sale for \$9,000. He was bought by
Sterling R. Holt, of Indianapolis. Direct-
ly, one of the best sons of Direct and
Himself, a famous sire, was sold to E.
L. Wood, of Liberty, Ind., for \$8,000.
The sloop was the first of the get of
Axtworthy to be sold in the Shulls string,
brought \$110, going to Frank Jones,
president of the Memphis Driving As-
sociation, of Memphis, Tenn.

NEGRO SPIRITED AWAY FROM GEORGIA MOB

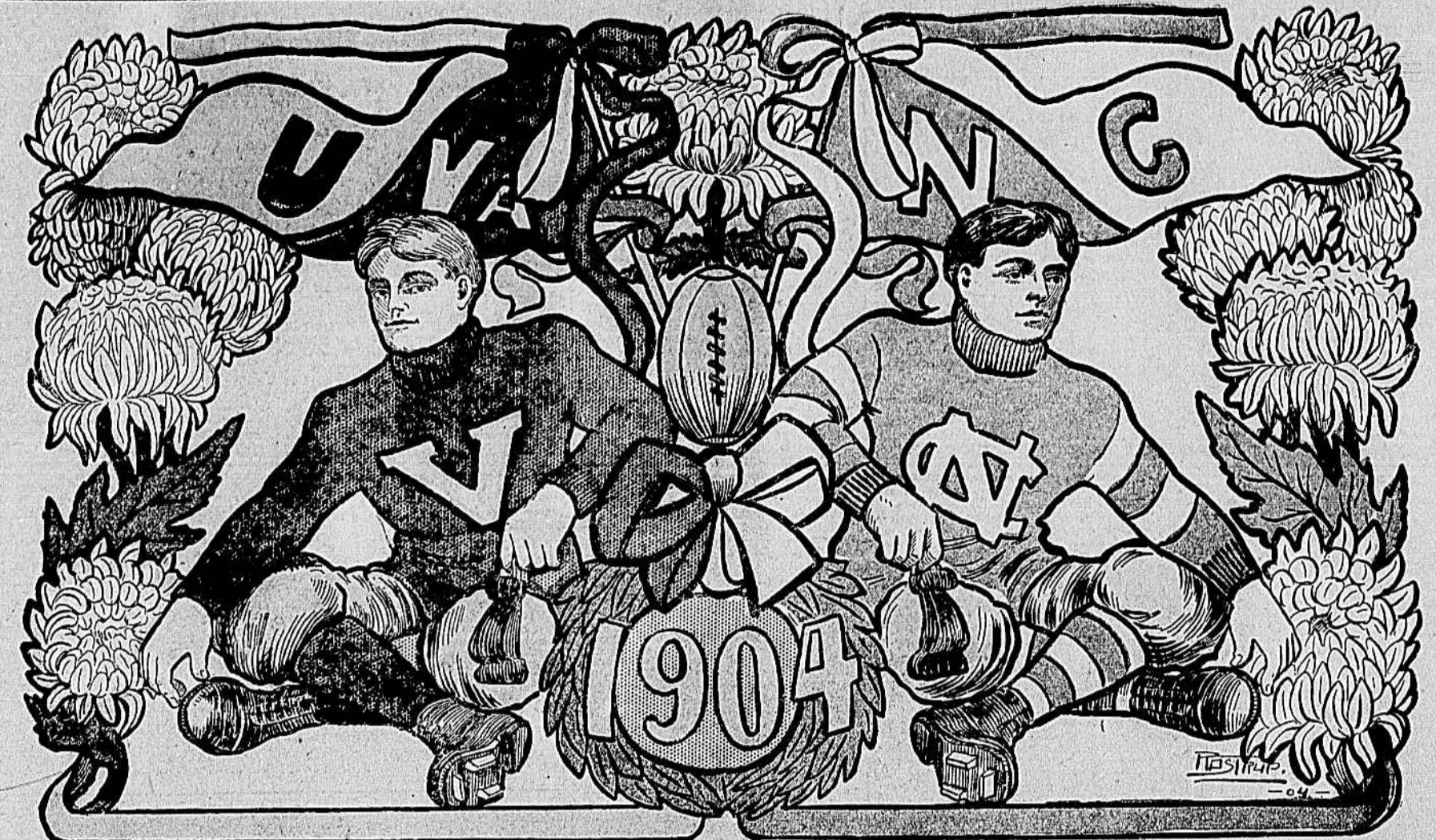
(By Associated Press.)
MACON, Ga., November 23.—A special
to the Telegraph from Augusta, Ga.,
says that Joe Harris, the negro charged
with insulting Miss Young Saturday, and
who was on Monday placed under ar-
rest, has been spirited away to Atlanta,
to avoid mob violence. The mob was
lying in wait for the negro at his home,
to which place he was returning, and the
officials intercepted Harris.

WIFE OF MAN SENTENCED TO BE HUNG PLEADING FOR HIM

(By Associated Press.)
MONTGOMERY, Ala., November 23.—
The Supreme Court today denied a pe-
tition for a writ of error in the case of
Frank Duncan, of Birmingham, who is
sentenced to be hanged Friday. His wife
is here pleading with the Governor to
commute the sentence.

STEAMER FOUNDERS AND SEVENTEEN ARE DROWNED

(By Associated Press.)
NORRKOPIING, SWEDEN, November
23.—The Swedish steamer Birr, from
Grimaby, England, with a cargo, found-
ered today at the entrance of Arko
Sound. The entire crew, numbering seven-
teen men, are lost. It is believed the
vessel grounded, and that her boilers
exploded.



WOFUL LACK OF NAVY OFFICERS

Converse Calls Attention to Con-
dition Which May Have Se-
rious Effect Upon Nation.

TWO VICE-ADMIRALS SAW YOUNG ABUSE GIRL

Bureau Chief Urges This Upon
Congress—Efficiency of
Battleships.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., November 23.—
How badly off the navy is for officers,
and how seriously this condition may af-
fect the navy and the nation, is plainly
told in the annual report of Rear Admiral
George A. Converse, chief of the Bureau
of Navigation, approved by Secretary
Morton today.
Experience, especially in gun-fire, he
says, shown that it is necessary to in-
crease the number of officers assigned
to ships, so that the estimate made in
1902 of the number of officers needed for
ships in commission is inadequate. It
provided for only about one-half as many
officers as ships of the same class carry
in the British, French and German navies.
Admiral Converse recommends that the
number of lieutenants be increased from
350 to 500, and that the number of lieuten-
ant-commanders be increased from 200
to 300.
"It is especially desirable," the Admiral
says, "that every battleship and other
powerful vessel requiring the greatest
skill should have her full quota for full
ranks. Many of our battleships have
lieutenants as ordnance officers, and so-
called watchmen have ensigns and even
midshipmen as watch and division offi-
cers. This very unsatisfactory and even
dangerous condition is due to the many
urgent demands for officers, the existing
inadequacy of numbers often making it
impossible to detail officers of appropriate
rank."
Because of the important part played by
a torpedo craft in the war in the Far East,
it is deemed advisable that the larger ves-
sels of this type be commanded by lieuten-
ant-commanders and the Asiatic fleet.

Two Vice-Admirals.

Authorization by Congress of two vice-
admirals is urgently recommended in or-
der that our flag officers may not be
beneath foreign officers holding equal or
inferior commands. "It is manifestly
undesirable," says the Admiral, "for our
flag officers to be beneath all others in
matter of precedence in international af-
fairs with which they have to do as rep-
resentatives of the United States. It is
therefore recommended that the rank of
vice-admiral be conferred on the officer
detailed as commander-in-chief of the
North Atlantic and the Asiatic fleets."
Regarding the paramount efficiency of
the battleship and the part played by
them in the Far Eastern war, Admiral
Converse says:
"Although torpedo boats and destroyers
have been actually engaged for five
months against battleships which have
been exposed to attack times without
number, we have yet to learn authorita-
tively of a torpedo from a torpedo vessel
causing the loss of a single battleship.
Those which have been sunk owed their
destruction to submarine mines, anchored
or broken adrift, torpedo vessels not con-
tributing to the result, except by the con-
fusion and sense of greater danger due to
their presence. It is evident that in the
final summary of losses the achievements
of torpedo vessels will count less than
was at first supposed. It cannot be claimed,
therefore, that there has been so far any-
thing to discredit the battleship as a type;
nor is any such outcome to be ex-
pected from this war, whatever may be
the casualties among the battleships. To
wage successful warfare with a naval
force requires now, as it has required in
all ages, a type of vessel which shall
combine in the most effective manner the
qualities of offense, mobility, defense, en-
durance, self-maintenance. Such vessels
are battleships, and they constitute the
main strength and reliance of a navy."

COULD NOT HAVE KILLED HIMSELF

Prosecutors of Nan Patterson
Attempting to Establish
This Contention.

SAW YOUNG ABUSE GIRL

Skeleton Again Brought Into
Court—Great Crowds Attend
the Court Sessions.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—In the trial of
Nan Patterson, charged with the murder
of Caesar Young, expert testimony of phy-
sicians was offered today to show that
Young could not have killed himself. Two
cubmen testified to having seen Young
abuse Miss Patterson early in the morn-
ing of June 4th and another witness, a
newsboy, swore that he saw J. Morgan
Smith, her brother-in-law, strike Miss
Patterson in the face on the night of June
3d, after Smith had said to her: "You
will have to do it," and she answered:
"I won't." The trial still attracts unusu-
ally large crowds and special details of
police are required to keep out those who
have no business in the court-room and
to maintain order in the building.
The skeleton which was brought into
the case yesterday for the use of Coroner
Physician O'Hanlon, in describing the
course of the bullet, which caused Young's
death, was again brought into the court-
room, when the trial was resumed to-
day.
Mr. Levy in his cross-examination, led
Dr. O'Hanlon back over the ground cov-
ered in his direct testimony yesterday.
The witness described in the detail the
autopsy which he performed on Young's
body.
"If you had regarded the case one of
homicide, would you have made a more
careful examination?" asked Mr. Levy.
"I did not regard it then as a case of
homicide."
"Did you regard it as a case of sui-
cide?"
"I did," said the witness.
Dr. O'Hanlon said that while perform-
ing the autopsy he found three black
tears over the Cape Ann course, where
speed was not the sought-for object.

HIGH SPEED WITH SMALL CONSUMPTION OF FUEL

Armored Cruiser Pennsylvania
Makes New Record Off New
England Coast.

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 23.—The arm-
ored cruiser Pennsylvania in her official
trial trip off the New England coast to-
day, made the highest speed with the
smallest relative expenditure of fuel of
any armored vessel so far built for the
United States navy. Her contract called
for 22 knots and her average speed for
the four hours' trial was 22.48 knots
per hour, while her coal consumption was
2.2 pounds per horse power per hour.
Her builders, William Cramp & Son,
of Philadelphia, made no attempt
throughout the trial to push this, their
greatest vessel, but on the other hand
spent their energies to exceed the govern-
ment requirement at the most economi-
cally possible. Her trial was, therefore,
the first of the numerous
tests over the Cape Ann course, where
speed was not the sought-for object.
There was considerable interest in com-
paring her effort today with that of her
consort, the Colorado, which preceded her
from the Cramps yard only a month be-
fore. While the latter made a 4.5 knot
spurt at a rate of 23.24 per hour, her
average for the entire course of 58 miles
was 22.26 knots compared with the Pen-
sylvania's 22.48 knots per hour.

JUDGE INGRAM'S VIEW OF THE LAW

Instructs Jury That Marginal
Brokerage Contracts Amount
to Gambling.

CANNOT BE ENFORCED

Are Wagering Contracts and
Therefore Null and Void
in Law.

In his instructions to a jury in his
court yesterday having under considera-
tion the case of C. B. Wood vs. L. Dick-
enson and F. Stearns, Jr., involving
some stock brokerage transactions, Judge
John H. Ingram laid down the law, de-
claring in effect that marginal brokerage
contracts amount to gambling, and are
therefore null and void in law.
The trial resulted in a hung jury, the
latter having been discharged after fail-
ing to agree upon a verdict.
The case has attracted some attention
because the defendants pleaded the
gambling act to avoid the claim of the
plaintiff.
It seems that in April, 1901, the de-
fendants were engaged in the business of
stock brokers in this city, under the
style of L. Dickenson, C. B. Wood was
one of their customers, and claimed that
on a settlement of his trades with them
they owed him \$63.75. The defense was
(1) that the account was not correct.
(2) That the New York correspondent of
the firm was liable and not the firm.
That the transactions were not bona
fide purchases of stock, no dealing of
stock being contemplated, the real in-
terest of the parties being to settle by
differences according to the rise and
fall of the market—a gambling transac-
tion—and, therefore, illegal.
It was on this point that the case was
mainly fought.

Interesting Instruction.

The instruction of the court, based
that, although the transaction sued upon
"If the jury believe from the evidence,
that although the transaction sued upon
was ostensibly the purchase of stock,
and the real intention of the parties to
speculate on the rise and fall of prices of
said stock, without actual delivery of
said stock, notwithstanding the printed
conditions and terms upon the sale ticket,
and that the transaction was intended
to be closed by the payment of the dif-
ference between the purchase price and
the market price at the time it was
closed, then it was a wagering or
gambling contract, and null and void in
law, and they must find for the defend-
ants, even though they shall believe the
defendants were principals and not agents
in the transaction."

Fire in Loudoun.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEESBURG, VA., Nov. 23.—The well-
known Loudoun Hotel, at Round Hill, was
destroyed last night by fire of an unknown
origin. The loss is several thousand dol-
lars. Insurance, \$300 on building and con-
tents, which were also damaged.

25 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 25 advertisements for help pub-
lished in today's Times-Dispatch on
page 8 are as follows:
8 Agents. 3 Salesmen.
2 Trades. 3 Domestic.
2 Office. 7 Miscellaneous.
This not only interests those out of
work, but those desiring to improve
their positions as well.

JUDGE WOODS DECLINES TO SIT

Says That He Will Not Pre-
side in the Fishburne
Trial.

THE CASE WAS POSTPONED

Judge Woods Also Declines to
Rule on the Question of Fish-
burne's Legal Imprisonment.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., November 23.—In the
Corporation Court this morning, John W.
Woods announced that he would not sit
in the Fishburne case, and it was set
for a hearing at the January term of
the court. When court opened, Com-
monwealth's Attorney Perkins announced
that he would be ready to go into the
trial of Mr. Fishburne next Monday.
Messrs. James P. Woods and Harvey
Hall, of the defense, stated that they
would not be ready for trial next week
on account of some of the counsel for
the defense having other engagements.
The case was then postponed to the
January term on motion of counsel for
the defense. Judge Woods then an-
nounced that he would not sit in the
case. In announcing his decision, Judge
Woods took occasion to state that he
had reached this decision simply because
he thought under all of the circum-
stances, and in view of the relations
which he had sustained to the defendant
and his people; it would not be proper
for him to try the case, and not that he
cared for any street criticism which may
have been indulged in. Judge Woods fur-
ther stated that he would leave it to the
counsel for the prosecution and defense
to decide on a judge, and if they could
not do so he would apply to the Governor
to designate a judge to preside over the
case.
Commonwealth's Attorney Perkins then
brought up the matter of the imprison-
ment of Mr. Fishburne, whether he was
in jail according to law, and asked the
judge to rule on it. Judge Woods stated
that he was not to preside over the
case. It was proper for the judge who
was to preside to decide in regard to
whether Mr. Fishburne was properly con-
fined in jail.

WOMEN RELEASED; ARRESTED AGAIN

Believed That State Has Dis-
covered New Evidence in the
Williams Murder Case.

(By Associated Press.)
WRIGHTSVILLE, GA., November 23.—
The Clayton L. Williams murder cases
were again called to-day. Lofton Outlaw
was first put on trial, and the case con-
sumed the entire day. Objections having
been made by defendants to Judge Al-
cott, the case was heard by Judge Pres-
cott, who ordered that Outlaw be held
for the murder without bail. Walker
will be tried to-morrow. A sensational
turn was given the case by the issuance
of another warrant for the rearrest of
Moorman and the women, Belle Williams
and Lizzie Edge, who were released last
case. They will demand immediate trial
and the result is anxiously awaited, it
being thought that the State has dis-
covered other and stronger evidence than
was developed last week.

"Bizzy Izzy" to Wed.

It was announced last night that George
Sidney, the Bijou favorite, who was here
in "Bizzy Izzy," and Miss Carrie Weber,
of the same company, were to be married
to-night. Both of these per-
formers are well known here.

PUT STOP TO REAR END COLLISIONS

Effort to be Made to Make Use
of Block System by Rail-
road Compulsory.

THE BILL WILL BE OPPOSED

Measure Will be Introduced by
Interstate Commerce Com-
mission at Next Session.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—The
Interstate Commerce Commission has
drafted a bill which will be introduced
at the coming session of Congress, prob-
ably, which will make the use of the
block system compulsory in the opera-
tion of trains on all railways in the
United States. The commission does not
want to put the roads to the extraordinary
expense at once of installing the system,
so the bill provides that each road shall
complete one-fourth of its equipment
until the principle of the block system
applies to all the roads in the United
States, and every mile of each.
The bill will be opposed, for while the
greater portion of the progressive roads
of the United States have adopted the
block system, there are many still on
which it is not in use, and trains are
moved in the old haphazard way. The
system is in universal use in England,
and one train cannot be let into a block
until the train preceding it has gone out
or has been side-tracked.

What System Is.

That is all that is meant by the term
"block system." When a train starts
for the next station the conductor knows
that another train will not be allowed
to pass the station he has just left until
the operator at that station is notified
that the first train has left the next
station. Of course, the trains do not
have to stop at all stations in order to
receive information from the operators
as to the whereabouts of the train next
ahead. This fact is communicated to
the engineer as he flies past the station
by a system of signals, colored boards
or flags for use in the day, and lights
of different colors for use at night.

It will be apparent that the installa-
tion of the block system means the prac-
tical abolition of rear end collisions. Of
course, the engineer may fail to read
the signals aright; he may fail to see
them at all, as was the case with one
engineer, who was engaged in trying to
mend an indicator when his train passed
the station, and he rushed into the rear
end of a train in the same block, and lost
his life. All systems will be imperfect
so long as imperfect humanity has to
execute them.

Will Fight Bill.

Some of the railroads will fight the
bill. The roads which are not willing to
undertake any improvement which will
not result in increased revenues will op-
pose the legislation, but it is not believed
that the roads which have installed the
system of their own volition will make
a fight against the legislation sought.
The appalling list of killed and injured
in railroad accidents in this country in
the past twelve months has shocked the
country. It is said that more people were
killed on the railroads of the United
States in the twelve months ending June
30, 1904, than on all the rest of the rail-
roads in the world. It is admitted that
the loss of life twelve months has shocked
the country. The use of the block system
on a double-track road makes a collision
practically impossible, and on a single-
track road only front end collisions are
possible. It is the great increase in the
number of rear-end collisions and the
consequent increase in the loss of life
that have caused the Interstate Com-
merce Commission to undertake to press
the bill to require the use of the block
system. The commission was largely re-
sponsible for the law making the use of
the air-brake and the automatic coupler
compulsory on all American railways.
These laws were strenuously opposed by
the railroads of the country.

GREATEST GAME EVER SEEN HERE

Gigantic Gridiron Strug-
gle at Broad Street
Park To-Day.

TEAMS IN SPLENDID SHAPE FOR CONTEST

Virginia and Carolina Will Line
Up Giants on Either Side,
All Admirably Trained.
Game Called Promptly
at 2 o'Clock—Betting
at Even Money.

The feature of Thanksgiving Day in
Richmond this year will be the great an-
nual foot-ball game between the eleven
of the University of Virginia and the Un-
iversity of North Carolina. The game will
be played at Broad Street Park this af-
ternoon beginning at 2 o'clock promptly.
It promises to be great, indeed, in all
that makes for a clean, aggressive and
desperately fought contest of trained ath-
letes at their best.

The game in every respect will be the
greatest ever played in this city, and will
be witnessed by the greatest crowd. North
Carolina will have more supporters on the
field and in the stands than ever wit-
nessed one of these games. Already both
teams and hundreds of the fellow-students
and admirers of the two are in the city,
and the hotels presented a lively and a
noisy scene last night.

Both elevens are quartered at the new
Richmond Hotel with their coaches, train-
ers and managers. Each has plenty of
substitutes as good as the regulars, and
so far as can be ascertained, all the men
of both elevens are in the pink of phys-
ical condition, and ready for the game of
their lives. The teams in weight, coach-
ing and training are nearly up to the
standard of the great teams of the coun-
try, the rush lines of both averaging about
300 pounds to the man, and the ends,
though lighter, do not greatly pull down
the ton of avoirdupois representing each
University.

The Virginians.

The team and substitutes of the Un-
iversity of Virginia arrived first last night,
and are at The Richmond. They are
Messrs. Cothrin, Council, I. B. Johnson,
Hammond, Johnson, Kite, Murphy, Cook,
Graham, Warren, Purcell, Pollard, Lan-
ford, Dodson, Randolph, Weisger, Haskell,
Barnes, Bryan, Beckett and Paul; Coach
Sanford of Yale. Dr. W. A. Lambeth,
physical director.

The Carolina team, which came in a
little later, consists of the following:
Stewart, Stinton, Townsend, Barry, Bear,
Jacobs, Wright, Carpenter, Robertson,
Carroll, Brodie, Story, Mearns, Wilber,
Parker, Singletary, Webber, Farmer,
Oldham, McRae, Robertson, Emerson,
Coaches Brown and Trenchard and Man-
ager Lassiter.

Both teams are a husky lot, the lines
in both cases being heavy and the backs
fast. Carolina will have the heavier
backfield, and the more experienced.
There are various rumors as to the line-
up and changes, but so far as can be
learned the game will start with the men
in these positions:

Carolina	Position	Virginia
Townsend	left end	Warren
Webber	left tackle	Cooke
Maness	left guard	Kite
Stewart (Capt.)	center	B. Johnson
Seigle	right guard	Murphy
Barry	right tackle	Robertson
Farmer	right end	Graham
Bear	quarter back	Pollard
Jacobs	left half back	Randolph
Carpenter	right half back	H. Johnson
Robertson	full back	Lankford

Strong Substitutes.

Both teams have many substitutes, but
it was stated last night that the teams
would start the game as stated. For
Virginia Haskell will replace Kite if sub-
stitution be necessary. Beckett is sub-
stitute center; Paul, substitute right
tackle; Substitutes and full back, Wilber,
Parker, Singletary, Webber, Farmer,
Oldham, McRae, Robertson, Emerson,
Coaches Brown and Trenchard and Man-
ager Lassiter.

Carolina's substitutes are: Newton and
Oldham, half backs; Parker, guard; Sin-
gletary, tackle; Stinton, end; Wright,
Carroll, full back, and others. Both
teams will put fresh men in the line if
the regulars weaken in the strenuous-
ness of the contest.

It is expected that Mr. Sharpe, of Yale,
will umpire the game, and that Mr. M.
J. Thompson, of Georgetown, will referee
with former full back, and end, and
Preston head linesman. Thirty minute
halves will probably be played with ten
minute intermission.

The crowd will pour into the city to-
day on a number of special and all regu-
lar trains from every direction, and will
be larger than usual. The loobies of
The Richmond and The Jefferson were
jammed last night, and the night was
made noisy with the yells of the two Uni-
versities and a number of foot-ball songs,
sung to familiar airs.
Virginia has a new yell, and Carolina
has several. The yachty yack being the
old one. Last night a bunch of Vir-
ginia adherents were singing a song to
the air of "Auld Lang Syne," while Car-
olina sang to the tune of America and
John Brown's Body. Virginia will sing
"The Star-Spangled Banner," and the long yell.
A song interspersed with the long yell
was merry until a late hour, though the men
of the teams were not much in evidence.
Talks from the coach and indoor prac-
tice in signals was indulged in last night
by Virginia.
The Chesapeake and Ohio will run spe-
cial trains from the main line West; from
the main line East; from the James River
Division, and from the Buckingham
Branch. The Southern will run a long
special from Chapel Hill, and the East-
ern and Western and Coast Line and
Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac
are running trains at reduced rates fares.
Altogether thousands are expected, and
such a profusion of ribbons and flags as